# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SHIPPING
# LOK SABHA

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MODERNIZATION OF HOOGHLY DOCK AND SHIPPING COMPANY
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

(a) the present state of affairs of Hooghly Dock and Shipping Company, Howrah both financial and production-wise, division-wise;

(b) whether the financial package for the modernization of these two Units have been placed at their disposal since 1985; and

(c) if so, the details of the progress made so far in this regard ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUMUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Limited (HDPEL), Kolkata has two production units, namely, Salkia Works and Nazirgunge Works. Both the units have facilities for shiprepairs and shipbuilding. The installed capacity in shipbuilding is 1100 tons per annum and that in shiprepairs is 125 ships per annum. The utilization of the installed capacity in shipbuilding is poor due to lack of orders. The Company is passing through a very critical period. The Company has been incurring losses for last several years. It has accumulated losses amounting to Rs.167.07 crores as on 31.03.2000.

(b)&(c): No, Sir. However, Government has been giving plan assistance to the Company for modernization of its two units. During the past five years the Government has released funds to the extent of Rs.21.42 crores. In addition, the Government is giving non-plan assistance to the Company to enable it to meet expenditure on account of wages and salaries to its employees. However, the Company has not utilized the plan funds fully.